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TITLE OF INVENTION
PURIFIED SUBFRAGMENT CODIFYING FOR NEUROAMINIDASE, RECOMBINANT NEUROAMINIDASE AND ITS USE IN ZOOPROPHYLAXIS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
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 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
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12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
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